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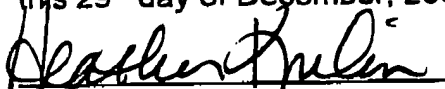
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and Jun LIU

Serial No. 09/481,988

Examiner: P. Marcantoni

Filed: January 11, 2000

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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 7, 2000, enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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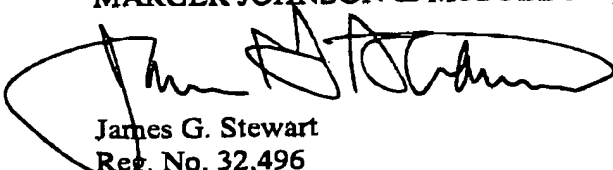
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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 7, 2000, reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested of his position regarding two critical issues: 1) the proper legal standard and proper application of that standard in examining applicants' reissue patent application under 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1 (commensurate in scope and new matter) and 2) the propriety of rejecting claim 31 under MPEP §§ 1402, 1450-51 (the recapture rule).

**Rejections Based on 35 USC § 112 ¶ 1:  
(Commensurate in Scope and New Matter)**

The rejections of claims 28-77 are based on 35 USC § 112, ¶1. Specifically, the claims as pending have been declared by the Examiner to be inadequately supported in the application. Stemming from the same statutory provision, the grounds (rejections for new matter and claims not commensurate in scope with the disclosure of the specification) are closely related. The Examiner cites several occasions wherein "literal" or "specific" support for the claimed limitations was not found. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has applied an improper legal standard in determining the teaching of the present application.